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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: Interagency Consultation for Non-Exempt, Not Regionally Significant Projects in Proposed TIP Amendment 13-08

The purpose of this memo is to seek the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's concurrence that one project that staff is currently proposing to add to the 2013 TIP in November as part of TIP Amendment 2013-08 will not significantly impact regional transportation air quality and that its addition to the 2013 TIP will not trigger a revision to the Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis on the 2013 TIP.

MTC staff requests the Conformity Task Force's concurrence that the project below be deemed Non-Exempt, Not Regionally Significant for regional conformity purposes as this project would not affect the regional transportation model used in analyzing regional air quality conformity. The project below includes a brief discussion regarding the conformity issues pertaining to the project and an explanation of staff's recommendation. The project below is separate from and in addition to the three projects that were brought to the Conformity Task Force for TIP Amendment 2013-08 at the September meeting. MTC staff is not seeking a determination on the status of this project for project-level conformity purposes at this time.

Proposed 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

The 2013 TIP is financially constrained and covers the six fiscal years FY 2012-13 through FY 2017-2018. MTC adopted the 2013 TIP on July 18, 2013 (Resolution No. 4075). In addition, MTC made a conformity determination that finds the 2013 TIP and *Plan Bay Area* conform to applicable federal air quality standards and implementation plans (Resolution No. 4076). Both the 2013 TIP and conformity determination were approved by FTA/FHWA on August 12, 2013.

The project outlined below is not currently included in the 2013 TIP. MTC staff is proposing an amendment to the 2013 TIP (TIP Revision 2013-08) to add this project with funding for capital phases within the six years of the TIP. Amendment 2013-08 is scheduled to be considered by the Commission at its November 20, 2013 meeting.

1. Santa Rosa Complete Streets Road Diet on Transit Corridors

FMS ID: 5758

Sponsor: City of Santa Rosa

Description: Santa Rosa: On transit corridors within two Priority Development Areas (Mendocino Ave/Santa Rosa Ave Corridor and Downtown Station Area) and in Communities

of Concern: Rehabilitate roadway and implement road diet, bike lanes and other improvements

Expanded Description: Complete Street Enhancements for W. Third between Dutton Ave and Roberts Rd include converting an existing four lane configuration to one travel lane in each direction, a center two-way turn lane and class II bike lanes in each direction. Enhancements for Mendocino Ave between Chanate Rd and Lewis Rd: Retain existing road configuration including Class II bike lanes for this active transit corridor. Increase average daily walking and biking for transportation by 60%. Provide equitable access to enhance infrastructure to include dedicated bike lanes and pedestrian improvements.

Conformity Issue

The project above is a road diet project and may not currently be treated as exempt from regional-level conformity under 40 CFR 93.126 or 40 CFR 93.127. However, the project area has traffic volumes under 20,000 ADT and is not regionally significant; therefore it would not be modeled for conformity at the regional level.

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